

There are myths circulating discouraging some from signing up to get one of the safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States.

LET'S START WITH SOME FACTS.

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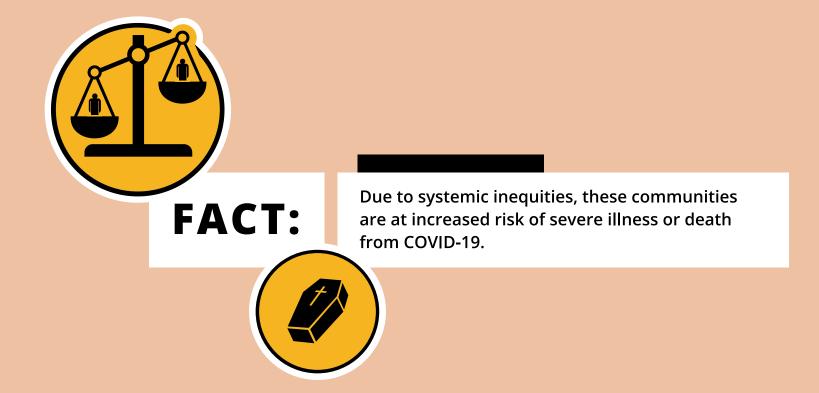


The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected African American, Latino, Asian American and other marginalized communities.













FACT:

For marginalized communities, healthcare access also can be limited by other factors, such as:



- Lack of transportation or childcare
- Inability to take time off work
- Communication and language barriers
- Cultural differences between patients and providers
- Not having a usual source of care
- Historical and current discrimination in our healthcare system







NOW, LET'S MOVE ON TO ADDRESSING THOSE MYTHS.

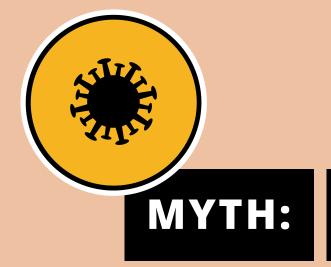
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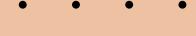
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Getting the COVID-19 vaccines gives you COVID-19.

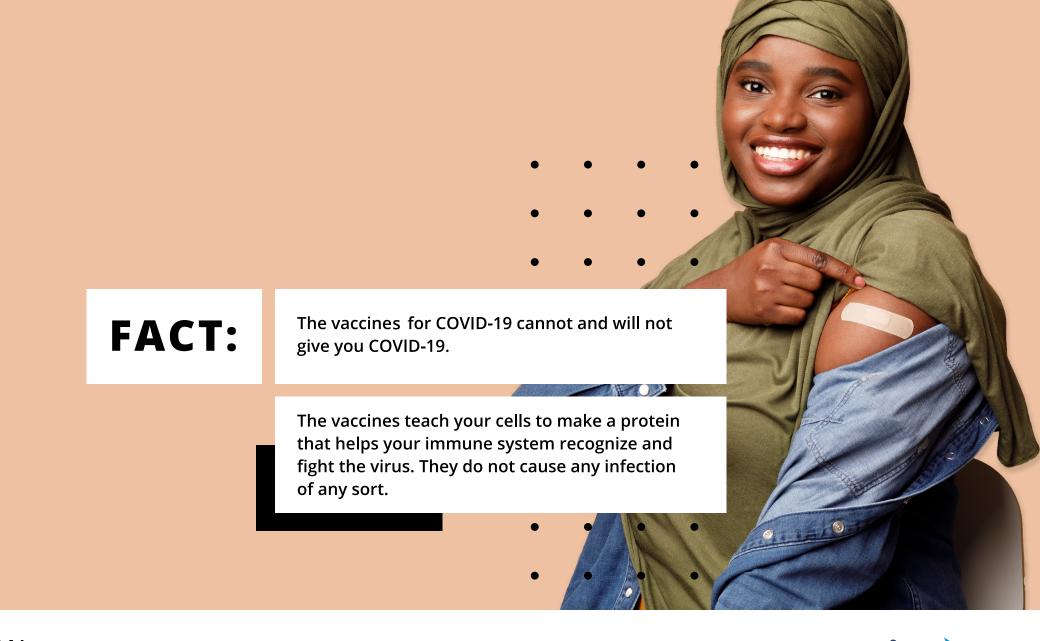








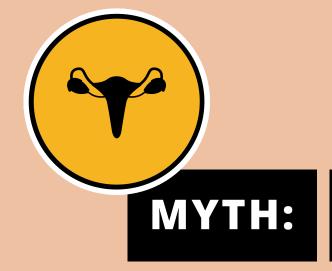








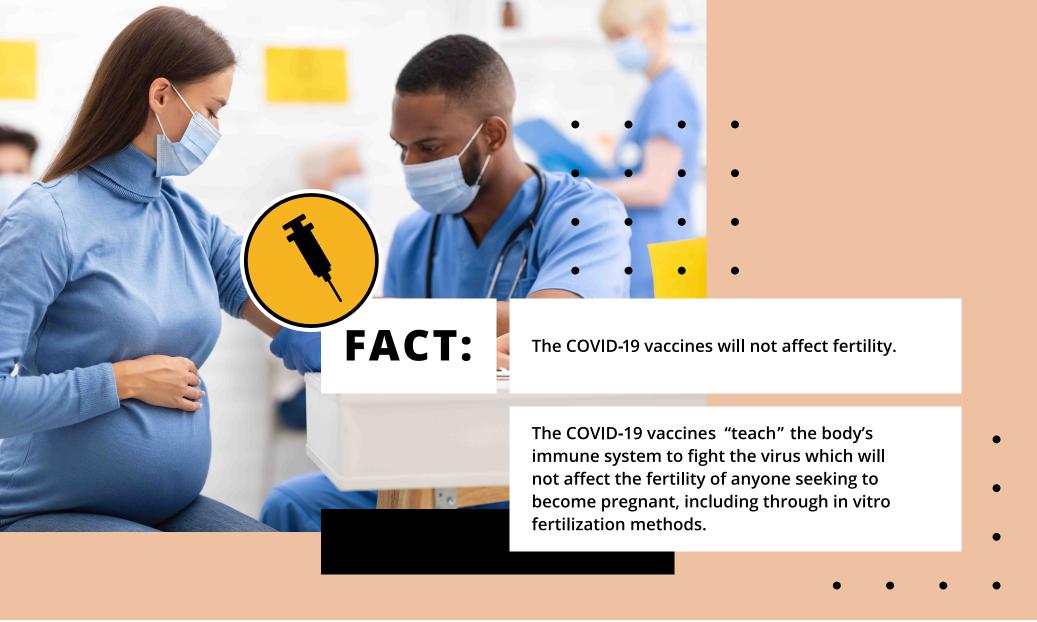




The COVID-19 vaccines can affect a person's fertility.



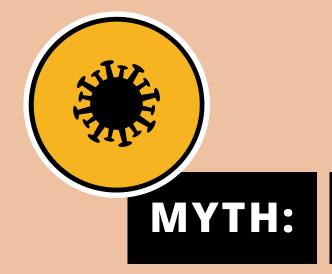








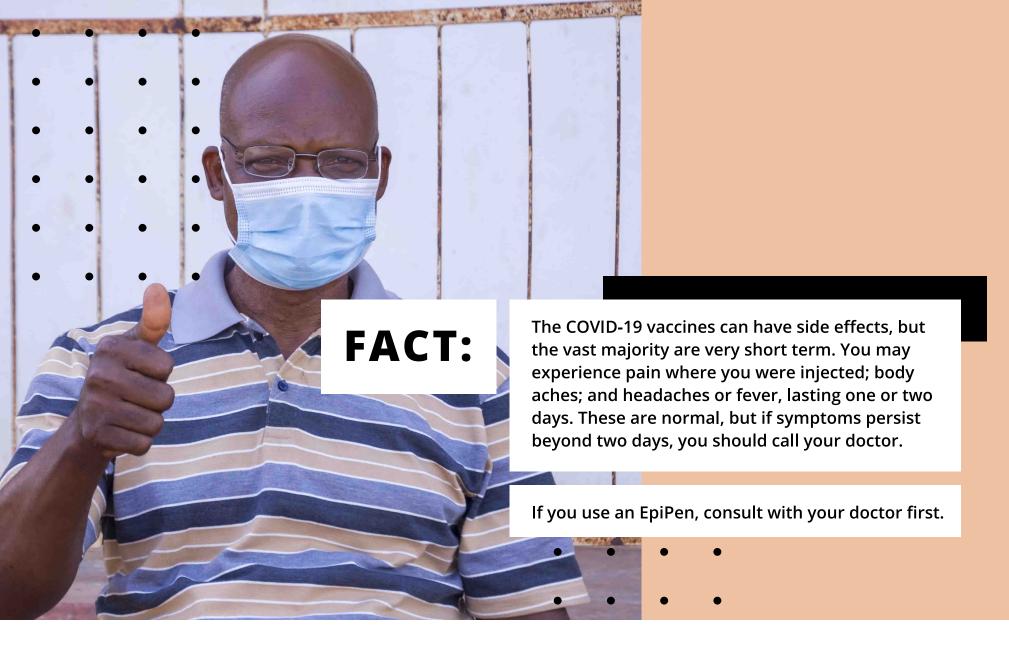




The side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines are dangerous.















If I've already had COVID-19, I don't need a vaccine.

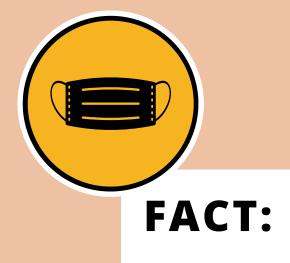


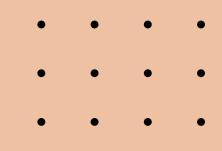






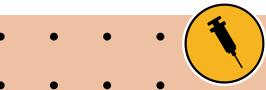






People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 should still get vaccinated.

Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and re-infection with COVID-19 being possible, people should get a COVID-19 vaccine — even if they have been sick with COVID-19 before.











MYTH:

Researchers rushed the development of the COVID-19 vaccines, so their effectiveness and safety cannot be trusted.

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Studies found the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are both about 95% effective.

The COVID-19 vaccines were created using a method that has been in development for years, and vaccine developers didn't skip any testing steps.

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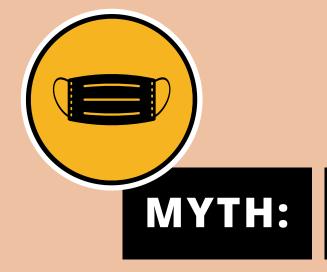
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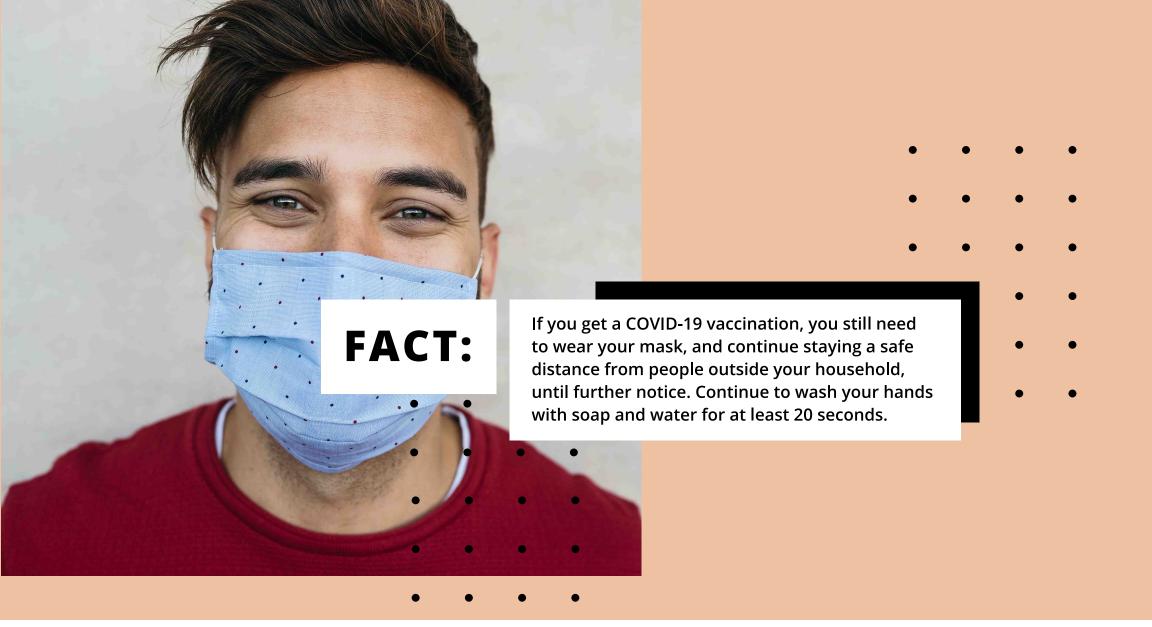




Getting the COVID-19 vaccine means I can stop wearing my mask and stop taking coronavirus precautions.



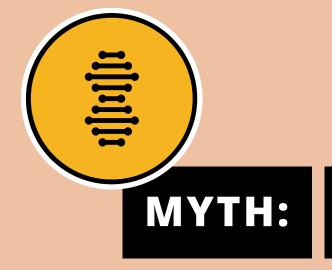








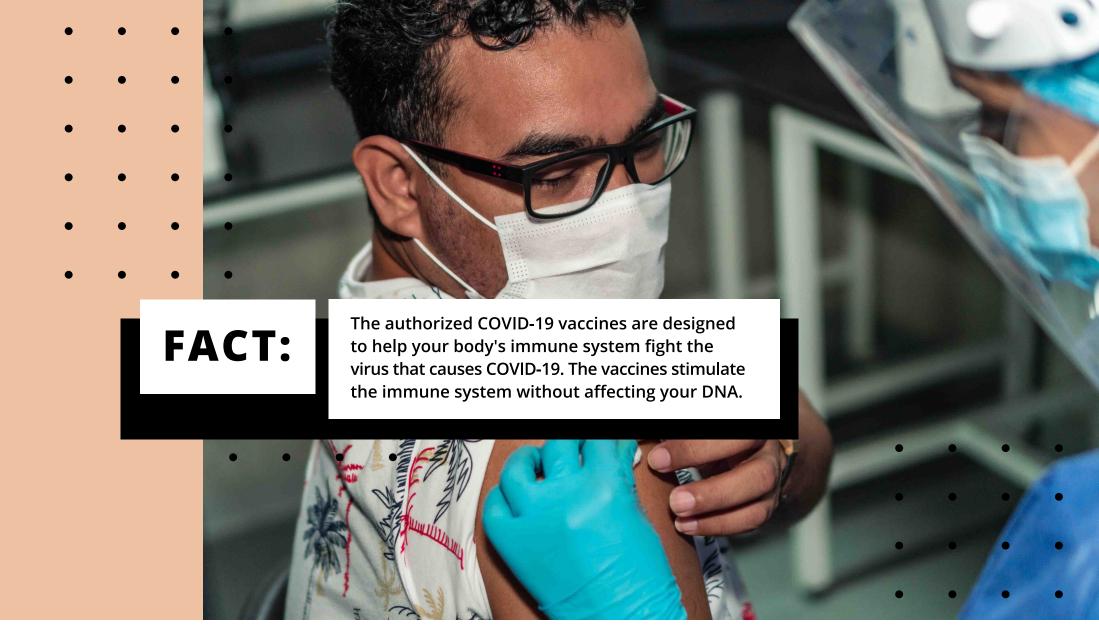




The COVID-19 vaccines enter your cells and changes your DNA.















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